

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Patients

FROM: Susan F. Neshin, MD

RE: ***NEW JERSEY PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM (PMP)***

This is to advise you that effective January 2012, the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs has established the NJ Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). The PMP is a statewide database to monitor prescription data on certain prescribed medications including narcotics, sedatives, stimulants and steroids. By New Jersey law, pharmacies are required to report all prescriptions filled for Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) to the PMP.

Only physicians and pharmacists can gain access to the information that is reported in the PMP. The methadone medication that you receive here *is not* reported to the PMP.

As per our existing clinic policies and procedures, we require that you notify us of all the medications that you are prescribed. Our physicians will be accessing the PMP throughout your treatment to verify that you are providing us with accurate and up-to-date prescription information. Failure to disclose all of your prescribed medications may have an effect on treatment team decisions.

We see the use of the PMP as a vital tool for the safe prescribing of methadone as part of your addiction treatment, and to ensure that prescriptions you are taking do not adversely affect your methadone treatment.

There is information about the PMP available on the information table in the front area. Feel free to speak to any of the Medical/Nursing staff if you have any questions or concerns.

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